Wenstrom, Chris, FL; Wenstrom, James, FL; Wenstrom, Kimberly, FL; Wenstrom, Matthew, FL; Wenstrom, Michelle, FL; Whitten, Susannah, IN; Williams, Arnah, IN; Williams, Burton, CT; Williams, Sue, CT; Winkler, Kathryn, NY; Yaste, Alexander, IN; and Zaloum, Kristina. IN.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ROBERT EASLICK FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. SPACE, Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Robert Easlick showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Robert Easlick was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Robert Easlick always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now,

therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Robert Easlick on winning the Ohio Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

#### GENEVIEVE MARTINEZ

# HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Genevieve Martinez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Genevieve Martinez is a student at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Genevieve Martinez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Genevieve Martinez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPAL JILL RAMSEY AND TEACHERS MR. PATRICK FINE, MS. LIESA HARTIN, MR. MIKE KAISER AND MR. STEVE MUSIAL

# HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Principal Jill Ramsey and

physical education teachers: Mr. Patrick Fine, Ms. Liesa Hartin, Mr. Mike Kaiser, and Mr. Steve Musial. Principal Jill Ramsey and the Chesterfield Elementary School has successfully renewed its STARS status. The criteria for STARS recognition is based on the National Standards for Physical Education, specifically, educationally and developmentally appropriate instructional strategies and teaching skills, adequate facilities and equipment that are safe and appropriate for the age and abilities of the students and that enable students to participate in the maximum amount of active time on task, and classes taught by certified physical educators.

A quality school physical education program is the foundation for helping all children develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence that promote lifelong physical activity. By improving the quality of school physical education programs across the country, we will have a direct effect on the health of America's children.

I want to thank the fine educators of Chesterfield Elementary School for their commitment to the health and education of our future generations and congratulate them on the successful renewal of their STARS status in 2008.

CONGRATULATING WANDA JENSEN FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERV-ICE AS STICKNEY TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEEWOMAN

## HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Thursday,\,April\,17,\,2008$ 

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Wanda Jensen as she retires from over 40 years of service as Stickney Township Democratic committeewoman. Throughout her tenure, Mrs. Jensen served her community commendably and I am pleased to recognize her for her long and admirable record of public service.

A longtime resident of the Third District, Mrs. Jensen has demonstrated true community spirit with an unwavering devotion to serving the public. Her service to Stickney as a Democratic committeewoman since 1966 is but one example of her deep community involvement. A true pillar of the community, Wanda has served as a Stickney Township trustee for more than 30 years, all the while devoting extra time to organizations such as the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts.

As a testament to her success at bringing the community together, Mrs. Jensen is the proud founder of a local fashion show that has been running for 41 years. Over time, this event has evolved into a popular community gathering that sells out every year.

Amidst her many commendable contributions to the Third District, Mrs. Jensen raised 4 children and now enjoys the pleasure of a large family, which has grown to include 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Jensen is also a devoted member of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to commend the dedication and service of Wanda Jensen as she retires from her post as Stickney Township Democratic committeewoman. I am proud to have in the Third District such an exemplary model of a devoted public servant. I deeply appreciate her service and wish her and her loved ones a wonderful celebration as they commemorate her many years of service.

CONGRATULATING GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### HON. RAY LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. LaHOOD. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize seven outstanding young women who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest offered by the Girl Scouts.

I am honored to extend my congratulations to Ms. Kellie Poland, Ms. Marlene Smith, Ms. Andreanna Haun, Ms. Heather Graham, Ms. Nikita Garman, Ms. Mindy Merdian, and Ms. Alexis Moore, all Gold Award winners. These young women join an elite group of Girl Scouts, as last year only about 5 percent of eligible Scouts earned the prestigious Gold Award. Each of these young women's accomplishments demonstrates their ability to successfully meet a challenge and achieve a truly difficult goal. They have shown leadership in their communities and, through their efforts, have had a positive impact on the lives of others. The Girl Scouts can be proud today, as I am, of these fine young women, who, with character and confidence, have shown the courage to achieve the highest of honors available to them, the Gold Award.

I applaud their dedication and thank them for their service to our communities. I encourage them to continue to be positive examples for those around them, and, again, I offer my sincere congratulations.

#### FERNANDA MARTINEZ

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Fernanda Martinez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Fernanda Martinez is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Fernanda Martinez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Fernanda Martinez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.